U.S. Embassy Asuncion, Paraguay

Security Message for US Citizens: Scheduled Demonstrations December 13, 2016 6:00 pm

The U.S. Embassy Asuncion informs U.S. citizens that on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, planned demonstrations will take place protesting a vote on a proposed amendment to the Paraguayan Constitution. The demonstrations will take place in the downtown area near the Paraguayan Palace of Justice and Congress, Plaza Uruguaya, and Plaza Democracia. Events are scheduled at 6:00pm today, but may begin sooner as crowds start to assemble. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security and follow instructions of local authorities.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Paraguay enroll in the <u>State</u> <u>Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)</u>. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates and makes is easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State Department's <u>website</u>, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the <u>Country Specific Information for Paraguay</u>. For additional information, refer to the <u>Traveler's Checklist</u> on the State Department's website.

Contact the <u>U.S. Embassy</u> or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call <u>1-888-407-4747</u> toll-free from within the United States and Canada, or <u>1-202-501-4444</u> from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

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